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TO: Chairmen, Sen. Gayle S. Slossberg and Rep. Russell A. Morin  
And the Members of the Government Administration & Elections Committee  
DATE: March 12, 2012  
RE: Public Hearing including:

S.J. No. 12 (RAISED) RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE PURVIEW OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

S.B. No. 390 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURVIEW OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE.

*Rivers Alliance of Connecticut is the statewide, non-profit coalition of river organizations, individuals, and businesses formed to protect and enhance Connecticut's waters by promoting sound water policies, uniting and strengthening the state's many river groups, and educating the public about the importance of water stewardship. Our 500 members include almost all of the state's river and watershed conservation groups, representing many thousand Connecticut residents.*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Resolution and Bill 390, both relating to the purview of the Regulation Review Committee. Our state is already quite unusual in the authority given the legislature to veto proposed regulations. If this resolution and bill were to become law, we would likely be unique in radically undermining the ability of the administrative branch of government to do its work. Our regulatory scheme of law would be subject to rapid variations and reversals depending on shifts in political expediency.

We support the testimony of DEEP, and ask you to reject these items.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Margaret Miner  
Executive Director

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